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6. [ ] LIAISON Arthur House, in the office of Senator Abraham A. Ribicoff (D., Conn.), recently accompanied the Senator to the Soviet Union. He met with several Agency representatives to provide his impression and insight on the trip. [ ]

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7. [ ] LIAISON Talked to John Hogan, House Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Family Farms Rural Development and Special Studies, in response to a 14 November letter from Representative Charles Grassley (R., Iowa), Minority Member of the Subcommittee. In his letter, Representative Grassley sought an explanation for the CIA's error in estimating last year's Soviet grain crop and requested information on how we intend to improve this year's crop estimating. I passed on the information that I received from [ ] CSS/NFAC, summarizing the answers to both questions to Mr. Hogan. He appreciated our response and requested that we send a letter to the Subcommittee.

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8. [ ] LIAISON Accompanied Dan Childs and Hal Ford, both of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence staff, to a meeting with [ ] all of DDO, regarding the Committee's request for an Agency study on HUMINT. Childs indicated that although some very good material was included in the Agency's 2 November submission, he felt the Committee still needs an overall evaluation of the value of HUMINT. He suggested that this might be done by evaluating our performance against each of the FY-1978 DDO objectives plus by giving the Committee an indication of unique contributions of HUMINT. [ ] explained the functions and work of his EPDS/DDO staff and both Ford and Childs reviewed a copy of the FY-78 Foreign Intelligence Reporting Evaluation for the period 1 April to 30 September 1978. [ ] indicated the staff members were welcome to read this and both Childs and Ford indicated their belief that this would satisfy the Committee's needs. Childs asked if highly sensitive and special channels reporting was included in this publication. [ ] indicated it was handled separately and asked the staff to look at this publication first and then we would discuss what might be done regarding the most sensitive reports.

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